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CROP PRODUCTION – MAY 2019

ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

Durum wheat production in Arizona, based on conditions as of May 1, 2019, is forecast at 4.17 million bushels, according to the May 1 Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is 44 percent below last year's production of 7.42 million bushels. Acreage for harvest, forecast at 39,000 acres, is 31,000 acres less than a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 107.0 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushel per acre from last year's yield.

As of April 28, Arizona's Durum wheat crop condition was rated 1 percent poor, 8 percent fair, 87 percent good, and 4 percent excellent, compared with 4 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 38 percent good, and 35 percent excellent last year.

Hay stocks on Arizona farms and ranches as of May 1, 2019 totaled 35,000 tons, unchanged from stocks on hand last year. Hay production for 2018 totaled 2.35 million tons, 9 percent lower than 2017 production. Disappearance from December 1, 2018 to May 1, 2019 was 155,000 tons, compared with 200,000 tons for the same period a year earlier.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.27 billion bushels, up 7 percent from 2018. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 50.3 bushels per acre, up 2.4 bushels from last year's average yield of 47.9 bushels per acre.

Hard Red Winter production, at 780 million bushels, is up 18 percent from a year ago. Soft Red Winter, at 265 million bushels, is down 7 percent from 2018. White Winter, at 224 million bushels, is down 5 percent from last year. Of the White Winter production, 22.3 million bushels are Hard White and 201 million bushels are Soft White.

Production of **Durum wheat** in Arizona and California is forecast at a collective 8.16 million bushels, down 23 percent from 2018.

All hay stored on United States farms, as of May 1, 2019, totaled 14.9 million tons, down 3 percent from a year ago. Disappearance from December 1, 2018 - May 1, 2019 totaled 64.1 million tons, compared with 69.1 million tons for the same period a year earlier. This marks the lowest May 1 hay stocks since the drought of 2012 and the second lowest since records began in 1950.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.